



Colorado Springs, Colorado

"The test of any movement is the ability to reproduce its leadership."

-Kenneth Strachan, former President of Latin American Mission

This month we are highlighting OC's US-Mobilization Center (US-MC). The role of the US-MC is to recruit, train, send, and care for the administrative and personal needs of all missionaries being sent from the USA. Joyfully, our US-MC staff manage all financial transactions, provide prayer letter processing, attend to legal issues, and offer membercare for our missionaries and their children. These functions, along with the prayer support of our thousands of partners, keep our missionaries effectively ministering on the field.

Looking back on 2012, we celebrate the Lord's continued blessing on OC's worldwide ministry. During the year, OC missionaries were privileged to directly serve more than 200,000 national church leaders in 95 countries, with an additional 8 million leaders served through OC websites and media ministries. As a result of OC's ministry, these leaders were trained and equipped to lead their churches and ministries to more effectively reach their communities, countries, and even continents for Christ. A summary of the Lord's blessing on OC's global ministry in 2012, as well our US-MC finances, is included in our annual report which can be found on our website <http://www.onechallenge.org/give/>.

I am deeply grateful to the Lord for His gracious blessing on OC as He continues to use the mission as a vessel to carry out His eternal purposes for the nations. I am also thankful to the Lord for our more than 10,000 ministry partners who make OC's ministry possible through their prayers and financial contributions.

As OC begins our seventh decade of ministry, I am thrilled that the Lord has raised up Dr. Dean Carlson to succeed me as OC President in January 2015. Please see the next column for more about Dean's appointment.



years now that I've had the opportunity to serve as a leader in OC. Throughout that time Ephesians 4:10 has meant a lot to me. Paul writes: 'As a prisoner of the Lord I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.' In this journey over the last few months the Lord has called us to surrender, to see what He's doing, and to serve." Dean and Kathie responded to the OC Board's appointment humbly and joyfully saying, "We'll learn from Scripture, we'll learn from the Global South, and we will move forward together in a way that will bring God the glory."

For more on the presidential appointment and a video from Dean, go to www.onechallenge.org.

Dean Carlson selected unanimously as President-elect to take office January 1, 2015

In their March 2013 meeting the OC International Board of Directors unanimously approved the selection of Dr. Dean Carlson as OC's next US-MC president. Greg Gripenrog's fourth and final three-year term as OC President will extend through December 31, 2014. Dean will take office as President on January 1, 2015. Greg and Dean enter this time of transition in a very pro-active way, grateful for the opportunity to navigate a leadership handoff with careful thought and the anticipation of seeing OC's worldwide ministry going from strength to strength.

Dean is a graduate of Northwest Nazarene University (1983) and pursued his missiological education at Fuller School of Intercultural Studies, earning a Master of Divinity in Cross-Cultural Studies in 1987 and a Doctor of Ministry in Global Ministries in 2003.

Dean, and his wife Kathie, took several months in their discernment process, asking God for His clear direction in this decision. With regard to their decision-making process Dean said, "It has been 22